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Page 62 1 personally how much problem I've had with doing 1 pain with intercourse that affects their quality 2 that surgery, and I would give them a specific 2 of life, their relationship with their spouse. 3 replies. 3 their children, it probably decreases their 4 Doctor, can those problems also 4 economic productivity. 5 occur without surgery as a result of, say, aging? 5 O. Strike that as nonresponsive. 6 MS. THOMPSON: Object. 6 MS. THOMPSON: I think the 7 BY MR. OTTAWAY: 7 question is comorbidities is --8 Lack of hormones? 8 MR. OTTAWAY: Again, you don't 9 MS. THOMPSON: Object to form. 9 have to argue about it, counsel. 10 THE WITNESS: So can somebody 10 MS. THOMPSON: -- is not the 11 have spontaneous pelvic pain because they 11 right word to use. He answered the 12 are getting older? 12 question using the word "comorbidities" 13 BY MR, OTTAWAY: 13 that can cause pelvic pain and discomfort. 14 14 MR. OTTAWAY: Actually, he didn't Q. Is -- yes. 15 A. Everything is possible, but that 15 answer the question. He described the 16 would be very unusual. 16 difficulties, but I move to strike. 17 Q. Okay. Are there comorbidities that 17 MS. THOMPSON: Okay. Okay. 18 can cause pelvic pain and discomfort during 18 MR. OTTAWAY: And the judge can 19 intercourse? 19 work all that out later. 20 A. So could you refine that question? 20 MS. THOMPSON: I'll ask. 21 I'm not sure that I can. 21 MR. OTTAWAY: We're not going to 0. 22 So describe comorbidities associated 22 Α. work it out here today. 23 with pelvic pain and discomfort with intercourse? 23 THE WITNESS: So, again, yeah. 24 So when somebody has pelvic pain and 24 If you could give me a more specific Page 64 Page 63 1 question. So the way --1 MS. THOMPSON: Object to form. 2 BY MR. OTTAWAY: 2 THE WITNESS: Yeah. It depends 3 Q. Do people have complaints of pelvic 3 on the location of the pain and where the 4 pain and discomfort during sex without ever 4 pain is. So pelvic pain is a very global 5 having any kind of surgery? 5 term that you are using. It means anywhere 6 6 So you're asking me what are the in the pelvis. 7 other causes of pain with intercourse and pelvic 7 Certainly if somebody had 8 pain ---8 mesh-type pain, that can become bigger and become pelvic pain but, you know, you could 9 Q. Yes. 9 10 -- if somebody did not have surgery? 10 also have pain that started from the mesh. Α. 11 Q. Yeah. 11 BY MR. OTTAWAY: 12 A. Is that correct? 12 Q. Well, I think my question was, 13 I'm asking you if people can have 13 Doctor: Do you consider presurgical complaints 14 complaints of those types and never had surgery. 14 of pelvic pain and discomfort with intercourse 15 15 when you try to determine whether a surgery of A. True. 16 Q. Never had surgery involving mesh of 16 any type is a contributing factor to them? 17 any type? 17 A. So if I saw a patient who has pain, 18 A. True. Depends on the kind of pain 18 yes, I would ask them what kind of pain they have before surgery. 19 that they have. 19 20 And when you look at a reason that 20 Q. And would that be an important 21 21 someone has those difficulties, do you consider finding for you in determining a cause? 22 their presurgical complaints to be important in 22 A. Depends on where their pain is and 23 23 where it's coming from. So, for example, the that analysis? patient who has endometriosis pain and they have 24 A. Well, it depends on the --24

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1	Q. I want to know when those problems	1	a review of the medical literature prior to 2011;		
2	were reported in the medical literature.	2	correct?		
3	A. Well, these papers, you mean when	3	A. True.		
4	they were published? 2014 and 2015 and 2011.	4	Q. Doctor, you discuss scarring.		
5	Q. Okay. So 2011?	5	Is scarring a potential with any		
6	A. 2012. Yeah, there's a string of	6	surgery?		
7	them.	7	- : I		
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9	Q. Okay. And would you agree with me	9	Q. You learned that in medical school?		
	that by those dates, it was known in the medical	1	A. Probably.		
10	literature that these complications, in your	10	Q. In the TOPAS product you discusse		
11 12	phrase, were associated with mesh procedures?	11	is the mesh designed to have tissue in-growth?		
	MS. THOMPSON: Object to form.	12	A. Is the mesh designed to have tissue		
13	THE WITNESS: These are some of	13	in-growth, question mark.		
14	the references I took. Doesn't mean there	14	I think that's just a consequence of		
15	are there are not more of them	15	placing mesh in any space.		
16	BY MR. OTTAWAY;	16	Q. And you understand that scar tissue		
17	Q. Oh.	17	may result from that?		
18	A or older ones or newer ones.	18	A. That's the body response.		
19	Q. In fact, there are references to	19	Q. You understand that if the body		
20	these potential complications in literature older	20	reacts to polypropylene, it may react to that		
21	than 2011; correct?	21	device?		
22	A. True.	22	A. So there is inflammation and		
23	Q. Okay. So these were known to the	23	scarring of the tissue. True.		
24	medical community, people in your profession, by	24	Q. Okay. And doctors have known that		
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S. Abbas Shobeiri, M.D. Page 125 Page 126 nerve entrapment," you're trying to limit that to 1 could cause pain and discomfort maybe in a 2 the obturator space? 2 different region. 3 A. As it pertains to the TVT-O. 3 BY MR. OTTAWAY: 4 Q. But nerve damage and nerve 4 Q. Okay. Is there something unique 5 5 entrapment or scarification is common to all about TVT-O or TOT devices as it regards 6 surgery and all vaginal surgery, except just not 6 dyspareunia or sexual impairment? 7 A. Well, we are talking about the in that area; is that right? 7 8 MS. THOMPSON: Object to scope. 8 TVT-O, and what we talked about earlier was the 9 Object to form. 9 fact that the TVT-O and the TOT type devices do curl up, you know, and then you asked me like 10 THE WITNESS: If you're operating 10 11 close to the nerves, you can have nerve 11 what other complaints are making them. 12 entrapment problems, just at the nerves 12 So that from the -- the sling is 13 that travel in that area. They are not 13 going from one issue of PV grain white to the 14 really inside the vagina. 14 other issue of PV grain white. So... 15 BY MR. OTTAWAY: 15 Q. Okay. I want to make sure I Q. Okay. The next one, pain with sex 16 16 understand this. 17 or sexual impairment. Is that a potential for 17 So is there -- because you 18 any vaginal surgery? 18 mentioned -- we're going to talk about deformed 19 MS. THOMPSON: Object to form. curl rope, degraded, fragmented in your next 19 20 THE WITNESS: The vaginal 20 opinion. 21 surgeries who could cause dyspareunia and 21 Yeah, they sort of run into each A. 22 sexual impairment a lot of times may be 22 other. 23 associated with narrowing of the vagina or 23 0. Yeah. I'm now referring to the 24 inflammation in the space, and so they 24 bullet point above it. Page 127 Page 128 1 Α. Yeah. 1 Encapsulation of mesh. 2 Dyspareunia and sexual impairment. 2 A. Yes. 3 And my question is: Does that -- is that a Okay. Is that unique to TVT-O or 3 Q. potential for all vaginal surgeries? 4 4 TOT devices? 5 5 A. Yeah, but then you put TVT and TVT-O No, it's all the mesh. A. 6 6 Q. Okay. Vaginal shortening or together. 7 7 tightening stenosis. Is that unique to TVT-O or Q. Okay. And that is what you TOT devices, or is that something that occurs 8 reference in the next bullet point is you're 8 telling me because, in your opinion, the TVT-O or 9 9 with vaginal surgeries or other meshes? TOT devices tend to curl, rope, degrade based on 10 10 A. Yeah, If the -- any vaginal surgery 11 your ultrasound examinations? 11 could cause a stenosis and tightening and 12 A. Yeah, but that's goes hand in hand 12 shortening, but this is different type of, again, 13 with dyspareunia as well. Because -- because 13 problem with that bridging that we talked about. 14 they're going from one side to the other, they Q. Okay. What is it that causes a 14 15 sort of cause this bridge as well. 15 different type of vaginal shortening, tightening Q. Okay. 16 16 or stenosis? 17 17 That can. So they behave So with the stenosis, we are talking Α. 18 differently from TV -- from TVT type devices. 18 about the sling bridge, so to speak, that can be 19 Q. Okay. So in that one there's, in -- can cause issue in term of tightening that 19 20 your mind, some difference between the TVT-O or 20 space versus if you're talking about a general 21 TOT devices and standard TVT matter? 21 vaginal surgery for something else. 22 A. Well, they're anatomically in 22 Okay. So would this be unique to 23 different spaces. 23 TVT-O or TOT devices, or would it be something 24 Q. Okay. Next bullet point. 24 present with all mesh devices? Potential of all

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